

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled):

Claim 2 (currently amended): The breast pad as recited in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said concave grooves curve ~~groove curves~~ along said expansion direction of said elastic members ~~member~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The breast pad as recited in claim 2 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said concave grooves curve ~~groove curves~~ so as to protrude toward a central portion of said main body along said expansion direction of said elastic members ~~member~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The breast pad as recited in any of claims 11, 2 and 3 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, further comprising a surface member which comes in contact with a user's skin, said surface member being inwardly disposed on ~~a surface of~~ said liquid-absorbing member ~~opposite to a surface on which said waterproof member is disposed~~ and a cushion member

disposed between said liquid-absorbing member and said surface member.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The breast pad as recited in claim 4, wherein said surface member is provided with said concave grooves around ~~at both side portions of~~ a nipple-contact portion of said surface member.

Claim 6 (canceled):

Claim 7 (currently amended): The breast pad recited in claim 12 ~~[[6]]~~, wherein ~~said edge portion of~~ said surface member is folded outwardly at the edge portion so as to embrace said liquid-absorbing member and said elastic members ~~member therein at a side edge of said main body~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The breast pad recited in claim 12 ~~[[6]]~~ or 7, wherein said elastic members ~~member~~ is fixed between ~~[[to]]~~ said liquid-absorbing member and said folded surface member, or between said folded surface member and said waterproof member, in a state in which said elastic members are ~~member is~~ sandwiched therebetween at the edge portion ~~a side edge of said main body~~, and wherein the elastic members are not fixed to the main body at longitudinal ends thereof ~~both longitudinal opposite ends of said elastic member has portions not fixed to said main body~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The breast pad recited in claim 8, wherein said liquid-absorbing member is formed to be smaller than ~~that of~~ said waterproof member and ~~that of~~ said surface member at a region in which ~~said opposite end portions of~~ said elastic members ~~member are~~ terminated ~~disposed~~, and wherein ~~opposite end portions of~~ said elastic members are not fixed to the waterproof member and the surface member at the region ~~member has portions not fixed to said waterproof member and said surface member.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): The breast pad recited in claim 12 ~~[[6]]~~ or 7, wherein, approximately at an ~~approximately~~ expanding center of said elastic member on side edge portion ~~portions~~ of said main body, said waterproof member has an area not fixed to said liquid-absorbing member and/or said surface member.

Claim 11 (new): A breast pad comprising:

a main body having an edge portion including a first edge and a second edge opposed to the first edge, the main body comprising:

a liquid-absorbing member;

a waterproof member laminated outwardly on the liquid-absorbing member;

a first elastic member disposed at the first edge;

a second elastic member disposed at the second edge, and

a pair of concave grooves provided between the first elastic member and the second elastic member, extending in an expansion direction of the first elastic member and the second elastic member.

Claim 12 (new): A breast pad comprising:

a main body having an edge portion including a first edge and a second edge opposed to the first edge, the main body comprising:

- a surface member, wherein the surface member contacts a user's skin;
- a liquid-absorbing member laminated outwardly on the surface member;
- a waterproof member laminated outwardly on the liquid-absorbing member;
- a first elastic member disposed at the first edge; and
- a second elastic member disposed at the second edge, wherein the surface member is extended to cover the liquid-absorbing member at the edge portion.